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## **Let The Light Shine! With Your Help It Can!**

Visit <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/patterson/> to sign up to let the Governor and MDOT know that a light at Ann Arbor and Ridge Road needs to stay.

Countless local residents have expressed concern over this accident ridden intersection. The light there now, according to MDOT, is only temporary. Sign the petition to help make it a permanent light.

## **Northville Victorian festival This Weekend**

Visit <http://www.northville.org/> to learn more.

Other Community Events in the 7<sup>th</sup> District:

Woodhaven Family Festival at the Civic Center Park off West Road

Rockwood Days—Mercer Park

Grosse Ile—Lighthouse Celebration Picnic, Lighthouse Point, Saturday, 4:00-11:00

Huron Township—Rotary Pig Roast, Saturday, 12:00-6:00

Trenton—Taste of Trenton, in front of Trenton City Hall, Sunday, 12:00-6:00

If you would like your community event mentioned, please contact us.

## **Friday Night Lights**

Support the 7<sup>th</sup> District Home team at the game tonight! Below are the games starting at 7:00 p.m. The team named first is at their home field.

Gibraltar v. Garden City

Canton v. Walled Lake Western

Trenton v. Brownstown/Woodhaven (we have to root for both sides on this one)

New Boston Huron v. Flat Rock (this one too)

Grosse Ile v. Monroe St. Mary Catholic

Plymouth v. Livonia Franklin

## **Michigan Poised To Be First In Nation To Protect Young Women From Cancer**

This week, the Senate Health Policy Committee, where Senator Patterson serves as Vice Chair, has reported two bills to help protect young women from cancer.

The bills were introduced by the Committee Chair, Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, and co-sponsored by Senator Patterson.

The bill would require all girls entering the sixth grade to receive a vaccination which would prevent the virus that causes cervical cancer. That virus, known as the human papillomavirus (HPV) would be added to the immunization schedule for Michigan's schools and academies beginning next school year.

Recent FDA approval of an HPV vaccine for girls and women aged 9 through 26 help Michigan position itself as a leader.

The vaccine has been shown in clinical trials to be 100 percent effective at preventing disease from the two types of HPV that are responsible for approximately 70 percent of all cervical cancers.

Worldwide, cervical cancer is the second leading cancer-killer of women, with almost a quarter-million deaths each year. In the United States, the American Cancer Society estimates 9,710 women will be diagnosed with and more than 3,700 women will die of cervical cancer in 2006. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 20 million people are currently infected with HPV, with 6.2 million new infections occurring annually and approximately 80 percent of sexually active women will be infected with HPV by age 50. For 90 percent of infected women, the virus is naturally cleared by the body and becomes undetectable within two years. However, persistent infection with "high-risk" types of HPV can cause cell changes that, untreated, can lead to cervical cancer.

The bills are Senate Bills 1416 and 1417.

### **Upcoming Office Hours**

All Office Hours Run From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Flat rock Library

25200 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock

Monday, Oct. 9

The Coffee Lounge

45610 Cherry Hill, Canton

Stay tuned for more dates in October.

## Contact Information

Thank you for your interest in our current state issues. If you would like to receive future updates via e-mail, please contact my office at [senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov). You can also visit me in my Lansing office at 505 Farnum Building, just across S. Capitol Avenue from the state Capitol; or you can send me mail at P. O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909. Telephone (517) 373-7350 or (866) 262-7307; fax (517) 373-9228. I want to hear from you!

See the *Legislative Questionnaire* on the Website, too! Your responses are welcomed!

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